

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3411 - HB 3681**

March 27, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the governmental tort liability limits for medical malpractice actions against public healthcare facilities.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$3,000,000\***

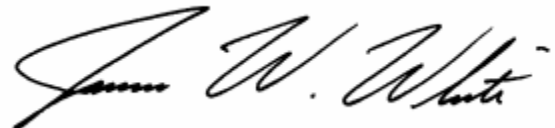
Assumptions:

- The cost of medical malpractice insurance for Nashville General Hospital in Davidson County is estimated to be between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.
- Malpractice claims could increase due to the more lucrative nature of such suits in the absence of tort liability limits.
- As more suits are brought, the cost of the medical malpractice premium would increase.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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